



CCOF GRASS-FED ORGANIC LIVESTOCK CERTIFICATION CONTRACT

- ▶ CCOF's Certified Grass-Fed Organic Livestock program is available to all CCOF certified organic ruminant livestock producers, as well as operations applying for organic certification with CCOF. If you are certified organic by another certifier, CCOF cannot offer certification to this program. If you are interested in transferring your certification to CCOF, please contact getcertified@ccof.org.
- ▶ If you are already certified organic with CCOF, CCOF will use the company information on file for your Certified Grass-Fed Organic Livestock application. Please attach any additional contact information for your grass-fed program if necessary.
- ▶ Please keep a copy of all documents submitted to CCOF for your records.
- ▶ All OPT Grass-Fed Program resources available at organicplustrust.com/documents

▶ **Complete and send the following to apply for this program:**

- CCOF Grass-Fed Organic Livestock Certification Contract (this 2-page form)
- \$500 Certified Grass-Fed Organic flat rate fee
 - ☐ Credit Card payment information below ☐ Other form of payment enclosed

Email to: inbox@ccof.org Or Mail to: CCOF, 877 Cedar Street, Suite 248, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

A. Legal Business Entity Information

Registered Legal

Business Name: _____

Federal Tax ID#: _____

B. Certified Grass-Fed Organic Program Options

- ☐ Dairy Animal Production
☐ Meat Animal Production

1) Estimated date by which you need certification: Month/Day/Year: _____

The certification process could take 12 weeks or longer. If you need a shorter timeline you can enroll in the [Expedited Certification Service](#).

C. Current or Previous Grass-Fed Certification

1) Is your operation currently certified to any Grass-Fed programs?

☐ No ☐ Yes

a) If yes, provide name of certifier and the certification standard: _____

D. Contact Information

1) Is the contact person for your Grass-Fed program the same as for your organic program?

☐ Yes ☐ No. *Please provide address details below.*

If no additional contact is provided, CCOF will direct Grass-Fed certification correspondence to your primary organic contact.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred method of written communication: ☐ Email ☐ Postal Mail

E. Credit Card Payment Information

Type of Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Amex		Amount: \$
Credit Card Billing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Name on Card:		Phone Number:
Credit Card Number:		
Expiration Date (mm/yy): / /		Security Number (The three-digit code on the back of your card. For Amex, this is the four digits on the front):
CCOF applies a 3% surcharge to each credit card transaction. No additional surcharge is applied to debit card transactions.		
Signature:		





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Operation Name: _____ Date: _____

F. Certification Contract and Agreement

- The following must be signed by a legally authorized representative of the legal entity seeking Certified Grass-Fed Organic Livestock certification with CCOF CS (CCOF).

By signing this document, the applicant acknowledges that it has received, has read, fully understands, and agrees to be bound by the terms of the CCOF CS Certification Manuals and agrees to:

- 1) Comply with and strictly adhere to all CCOF standards, procedures and policies described in the CCOF manuals.
- 2) Be legally bound by and comply with the Certification Services Program Manual and the requirements set forth in the OPT Grass-Fed Program Manual and Grass Fed Standards available at <http://organicplustrust.com/documents.html>, including but not limited to the following:
 - a) You have reviewed the OPT Grass-Fed Program Manual and Grass Fed Standards available at <http://organicplustrust.com/documents.html>. You are responsible for understanding the requirements of the program.
 - b) You will pay the OPT Grass-Fed Program fee of \$500 annually.
 - c) Submit a complete Application (this document) or simultaneously submit a CCOF NOP Application for organic certification and an Application for the CCOF Grass-Fed Program.
 - d) Be inspected prior to the certification decision and annually thereafter, and successfully complete any requests for additional information or corrective actions.
 - e) Successfully complete a 90-day transition period for each certified organic dairy animal at the applicant operation or purchase animals from an operation presently certified to this standard. Eligible dairy livestock are solely those animals present at the applicant operation at the time of the initiation of the required 90-day Transition period.
 - f) Eligible meat livestock are solely those animals born at or obtained from an operation certified to the Grass-Fed Organic Livestock Program, in accordance with the standards for meat animal production. The standards for meat animal production in the Certified Grass-Fed Organic Livestock Program do not permit the transition of meat animals.
 - g) Provide Notice of any material change in the status of the operation or its animals to the certifying body during the certification cycle.
 - h) Demonstrate all animals being milked at the operation, or at any single site of a multi-site operation are solely certified grass-fed organic. Prohibition on Commingled Livestock, Certified Grass-Fed Organic Livestock operations may not operate a separate certified organic dairy livestock production site in conjunction with, or at the same production site, as a Certified Grass-Fed Organic Livestock production site.
 - i) Shall not have commingling of Certified Organic and Certified Grass-Fed Organic dairy livestock except, organic livestock may be placed at an Grass-Fed Organic Operation under the terms set forth in Section III(C) of the Standards i.e. purchased from a certified organic operation only if an animal compliant with paragraphs III (A), born at that operation or an operation certified to this Standard and maintained under this Standard throughout its life at that operation, or (B), purchased from an operation presently certified to this Standard, is commercially unavailable and the purchased organic animal completes a 90-day transition period under this Standard during which its milk is not eligible to be sold as "Grass-Fed Organic."
 - j) Livestock products from Operations possessing Certification, or products containing ingredients from such Operations, may bear the Licensed Trademarks or being marketed in a manner designating compliance with the OPT Program in 2019 if, and only if, the marketing party receives a License from OPT.
 - k) Agreeing to be legally bound by the terms of the paragraphs entitled "Consent to Electronic Transmission", "Governing Law", "Consent to Jurisdiction", "Indemnification" and "Limit of Liability" as described in the CCOF Certification Program Manual.
 - l) Agreeing to be legally bound by the "Standards of Behavior" detailed in the CCOF Certification Program Manual.

I, the owner or legally authorized corporate representative, acknowledge the above General Requirements for CCOF Grass-Fed certification and understand that any willful misrepresentation may be cause for denial of an application and sanctioning of certification. I authorize the person(s) listed above to act on behalf of my company in establishing or maintaining Grass-Fed certification. I attest that all information in this application and my Organic System Plan is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Name/Title

Signature

Date

